

# D7

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## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

To all detachment  
personnel

Celebrating a  
birthday

In May!



## Commander's Corner



Fellow Detachment 7 team members: I would like to express two key thoughts during this month's article. First, everyone's efforts during the last week of April made Col Cain and CMSgt Davis' visit to Detachment 7 a tremendous success. Each of you showed your professionalism and devotion to producing top-notch Airmen in apprentice and advance courses. The pride you displayed was clearly evident and recognized by our Senior Leadership on numerous occasions. Thanks for the great things you accomplished.

Secondly, we are fast approaching the 101 Critical Days of Summer as Memorial Day is right around the corner. This critical time lasts until after Labor Day in September. I humbly ask everyone to practice safety and risk management in all things we do at work, at home, or during vacation time with the family. Please ensure we are being fellow Wingmen- watching out and protecting fellow Airmen and family members. I truly hope everyone has a great and safe summer. Thanks for all you do to keep our Air Force the best ever seen!

- Lt Col Griffin

## Recurring Briefings

### TDY In-Brief:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
1630, Det Auditorium

### Open Ranks:

Every Friday  
0700 Specker P-Lot

### CC Call:

Last day of each month  
0630, Det Auditorium

### NCOD Brief:

Every Thursday  
1600, MTL Office



## Chief's Brief

Det. 7 Instructors:

This will be my last D7 column before my rapidly approaching PCS. I just want to personally thank every military and civilian for making Det 7 the best training site in the entire AF in my eyes. Personally, I know I have been very demanding, but it was to make Det 7 Airmen exceed training standards versus just meeting training standards as I so often saw at other technical schools I was able to visit. Some people would ask how I know we're the best and I would answer with a story from many of the reclassification Airmen. Of all the reclass Airmen I talked to, not once did any of them tell me that their previous technical school was harder or more rewarding than Det 7. It was always really encouraging when these same Airmen said that the difference between the Det 7 training force and their past training force was that Det 7 really cared about them personally and did everything within their power to help them graduate. Additionally, all of my fellow Chiefs who came to visit Det 7 always commented in the same fashion to me on the how impressed they were with exceptionally high level of professionalism displayed by our training force. Please continue to push both yourselves and your students to exceed AF standards in training, dress & appearance, attitude, professional conduct, off-duty education, etc. to keep Det 7 at the forefront of AETC training. It was a true pleasure to serve as your Chief and if there is anything I can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at the USAFE CE/HQ at Ramstein AB, Germany.

~CMSgt McDowell

## Detachment Events

**Appreciation of  
Excellence Recognition:**  
08 May, 1000, Pershing  
Club

**Tops in Blue Concert**  
15 May, 1900, DFC

**Golf with the Chief:**  
18 May, 1200

**Memorial Day Wreath  
Laying:**  
29 May 0830 and 1030



## Safety Spotlight::

Summer Boating/Water Safety Tips from the Red Cross

- Swim in supervised areas only.
- Obey all rules and posted signs.
- Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgement, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- Be weather wise: Sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports.
- Bring extra gear you may need: A flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun tan lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats.
- Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away.
- Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine and fuel supply before leaving.

## Booster Club News

**Unit Picnic**  
9 Jun  
POC: SSgt Jacobs



**Six Flags  
Fundraiser: 17  
Jun and 5 Aug**  
Come out and help  
raise \$ for the unit!



Come share  
your ideas at the  
next meeting!



## This Month in AF History



**May 24, 1918.** U.S. Army Air Service organized

**May 21, 1944.** Operation Chattanooga Choo-Choo--systematic Allied air attacks on trains in Germany and France--begins.

**May 9, 1945.** V-E Day. The war ends in Europe.

**May 9, 1949.** The Republic XF-91 Thunderceptor jet/rocket hybrid successfully completes its first test flight at Muroc AFB, Calif. This unusual aircraft has variable incidence wings of inverse taper design (wider at the tips than at the roots).

**May 11, 1949.** President Harry S. Truman signs a bill providing for a 3,000-mile-long guided missile test range for the Air Force. The range is subsequently established at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

**May 20, 1951.** Capt. James Jabara becomes the Air Force's first jet-vs.-jet ace. He eventually downs 15 enemy planes in Korea.

**May 12, 1968.** USAF C-130s and C-123s and U.S. Army and Marine Corps helicopters successfully evacuate the camp at Kham Duc, Republic of Vietnam, in the face of superior enemy forces. C-123 pilot Lt. Col. Joe M. Jackson earns the Medal of Honor. C-130 pilots Lt. Col. William Boyd and Maj. Bernard Bucher and C-123 pilots Lt. Col. Alfred Jeanotte and Maj. Jesse W. Campbell earned the Air Force Cross (Bucher posthumously) and C-130 pilot Lt. Col. Daryl Cole earns the 1968 Mackay Trophy.

**May 10, 1972.** Linebacker I begins

**May 28, 1980.** The Air Force Academy graduated its first women (97 of the original 157 women finished compared with 790 of the 1,430 men).

For More information, see

<https://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil/PopTopics/poptoptable.htm>

## Quotes of the Month

"To produce things and  
to rear them,  
To produce, but not to  
take possession of  
them,  
To act, but not to rely  
on one's own ability,  
To lead them, but not to  
master them -  
This is called profound  
and secret virtue."

~Lao Tzu



"The true test of  
character is not how  
much we know how to  
do, but how we behave  
when we don't know  
what to do."

-John Holt



"The ultimate  
measure of a man is  
not where he stands  
in moments of  
comfort, but where  
he stands at times  
of challenge and  
controversy."

~Martin Luther King,  
Jr.



## Bits 'N Pieces



### Graduations/Course News

**Engineering:** Welcome Helen Elora Faircloth, born on 30 Apr 06 at 0252. Congratulations to SSgt Faircloth and Rob!

**P&E:** P&E would like to welcome SSgt Lemasters, who is at BIC until 30 May. (M)Sgt Baller attended prospective first sergeant symposium, SSgt Rurup is getting ready to separate in June, SSgt's Neal, Keller and Campbell will be deploying at the end of the month for approx. 6 months, TSgt Rowe pins on MSgt on 1 May, the school currently has 8 classes on board with a total of 55 students.

**Readiness:** The Readiness Section currently has 7 Apprentice classes in session and one NBC Cell MTT to Robins AFB GA. TSgt Smith, TSgt Davis and SSgt Squires are putting the final touches on the Readiness 7 Level In-Residence course. Our first 7 level class will begin on 15 May.

**SFS:**

**Vehicle Ops:**



### Volunteer Opportunities

Partners in Education Still needs your help. There is a car wash on May 4th, a track meet from 0800-1500 May 5th (Can work an early, late or all day shift) at Waynesville Middle School. Also on May 5th, the school will receive \$5 for every adult who test-drives at Dodge at Pershing Elementary. Later in the evening is the Art Show. Field Day is May 17th from 0800-1500. They could use your help!



### Sports

Looking for softballers of any skill level (even no-skill)! The season starts in June, so we will be practicing on 3, 10, 17, and 24 May on Field #6 (the one we run by every Tuesday). Military, spouses, and dependents over 19 are welcome and encouraged to come out and play!